REPORT

of

EMERGENCY

MEASURES ORGANIZATION

(N. S.)

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TO HIS HONOR,

The Honourable H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C.,
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the honour to submit herewith a Report of the Emergency Measures Organization (Nova Scotia) for the fiscal year ended the 31st March, A.D. 1963.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. KENNEDY JONES,
Provincial Secretary.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
July 26, 1963

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on

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (NOVA SCOTIA)

for the year ended March 31, 1963

GENERAL

In view of the establishment of the Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia, the term Civil Defence has been dispensed with, except when referring to organization and training for national emergency at the municipal level.

The Government departments have each appointed a senior member as Planning Officer. The Department Planning Officers are responsible for the planning and preparation of their department for continued operation in a national emergency.

The majority of municipal governments are also planning for national emergency, and this preparation has placed these local governments in a much better position to cope with any natural emergency that might arise.

TRAINING

The staff of the Provincial Co-ordinator continued to give all possible assistance to municipal governments in organizing and training volunteer workers for Civil Defence.

Courses for government employees and volunteer workers were conducted in National Survival Orientation, Operations, Radiation Monitoring, Rescue, Auxiliary Police, Fire Fighting, Restricted Radio Telegraph Operators, First Aid and Home Nursing.

In addition to courses conducted wtihin the Province, arrangements were made whereby one hundred and fifty-four (154) volunteers attended courses at the Canadian Civil Defence College in Arnprior between April 1, 1962 and March 31, 1963.

OPERATIONS

The Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia continues its preparation for a national emergency. In addition, the Organization is prepared to assist where necessary in any natural emergency within the Province and, during the forest fire season, a senior member of the organization is always available for immediate call, ready to co-ordinate all efforts necessary to combat a serious forest fire situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Preparations are continuing, to build an efficient province-wide communications network for use in a national emergency. This network will be available for use by all government departments in such an emergency.

EVACUATION PLANNING

Plans continue to be prepared by municipal governments to receive and care for large numbers of evacuees from other areas of the Province, and for immediate evacuation of their community in the event that such were ordered in a national emergency.

FINANCIAL

The province participated, on a continuing basis, in the Federal Financial Assistance Programme, whereby the province is refunded a sum equal to 75 per cent of all approved expenditures for Emergency Measures Organization (NS) by the Federal Government.

The municipalities also benefit substantially under this plan, because 15 per cent of their approved expenditures for civil defence are refunded by the Provincial Government and 75 per cent by the Federal Government.

The total amount expended for this purpose by the Province and the municipalities in the year under Review was $273,536.91.

A statement of expenditure and the amounts recovered as compared with the previous year, is shown:

		1961-62	1962-63
Expended by EMO (NS)		$125,341.57	$145,865.87
Recovered from Government of Canada		94,006.17	109,399.39
Recovered by Municipalities from Federal	(75%)	85,363.36	93,653.24
Recovered by Municipalities from Province	(15%)	17,072.82	18,730.62
Net expenditure by Municipalities	(10%)	11,381.97	12,487.18
Gross expenditure by Municipalities	(100%)	$113,818.15	$124,871.04
Operational Equipment with peace-time use:			
Recovered by Municipalities from Federal	(25%)	2,964.75	700.00
Recovered by Municipalities from Province	(25%)	2,964.75	700.00
Net expenditure by Municipalities	(50%)	5,929.50	1,400.00
		$11,859.00	$2,800.00

CONCLUSION

The concept of making the fullest possible use of regular government departments, agencies and employees at all levels of government in a national emergency, has necessitated a realistic approach to planning and surveys of local resources, in order that the best possible use can be made of available facilities. It has become evident to all concerned that in a contingency of this magnitude, local government would have to be completely self-reliant for at least the first seventy-two hours.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON GRANT,

Co-Ordinator,

Emergency Measures Organization (Nova Scotia)

Halifax, N. S.
July 26, 1963